

Illawarra Water Polo Club

Player Code of Conduct and Local Game Rule

Illawarra Water Polo Club runs a mixed amateur competition. Mixed meaning both males and females play together, along with players of different size, strength, age and playing ability. The competition is not graded. In order to keep play safe and enjoyable it is important that all players accept that play must be modified and play according to our local game rule as follows:

- **Unnecessary roughness may be called as a major foul, in consideration that there are players of different physical ability and skill.**
- **Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.**

Illawarra Water Polo Club will insist that players must modify game play depending on the opponent/s they are playing. Disregard for this rule may result in a major foul during the game and/or may also result in disciplinary proceedings taking place according to the club rules and constitution. If a player wishes to play water polo at a higher competitive level against equal opponents, then they should seek out a graded competition elsewhere.

Water Polo NSW - Player Code of Conduct

- *Play by the rules.*
- *Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official after the competition.*
- *Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.*
- *Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will you.*
- *Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.*
- *Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.*
- *Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.*
- *Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.*
- *Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.*